

**LAND SURVEYORS SECTION MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
MADISON, WI
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2002**

PRESENT: Rick Van Goethem, James Rusch, Robert Hoskins, and
Francis (Frank) Thousand

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Forseth, Wayne Austin, Grace Schwingel, Darwin Tichenor, and
Betsy Wood

GUEST: Harold Charlier, Executive Director of Wisconsin Society of Land
Surveyors

CALL TO ORDER

Rick Van Goethem called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. There was a quorum of 4 members present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Robert Hoskins moved, seconded by James Rusch, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (FEBRUARY 14, 2002)

Revisions: Under **Legislative Update**, on the back of page 1 of the agenda packet, the paragraph under **Senate Bill 427** should be changed to read:

"Frank Thousand explained that Senate Bill 427 has been reintroduced. This bill is slightly different from the original bill because it removed the current exemptions for federal and public utility employees and it removed the exemption for state employees in 2010. Assembly Bill 804 is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 2:00 p.m."

On the second motion under **Hearing on Denial of Application**, the motion should be changed to read: "James Rusch moved, seconded by Robert Hoskins, that the Section gives Rick Van Goethem authorization on behalf of the Section to approve or deny applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Under **Pending Applications**, page 3 of agenda packet, change Motion to read: ". . . to approve the applications for registration as a land surveyor by written exam for: Bryan Balcome, Joseph Kroll, Todd Maki, Mark Reinsch and Steven Schmitz."

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Robert Hoskins, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2002, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mary Forseth, Bureau Director

Mary Forseth welcomed Frank Thousand to the Land Surveyor Section of the A-E Joint Board.

Section Roster

Frank Thousand has a new FAX # (608) 821-8501. Rick Van Goethem – requested that information be sent to both e-mail addresses. Use home address for mailing.

2002 Section Meeting Dates

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to schedule the next Section meeting to Wednesday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m., after the Rules Committee meeting (rather than meeting on the scheduled date of 11/14/02) due to a conflict in schedules. Motion carried unanimously.

To-Do List

Items on the To-Do list were reviewed.

Jim Rusch emphasized that it is important for the Bureau Director to attend the NCEES Conference to allow the Director to talk to their counterparts in other states and members of other boards that attend these meetings. Illinois typically has at least six people there. It was also brought up that each Bureau Director is responsible for about 12 boards, which is not the situation in other states. It was noted that Mary Forseth would be going to Chicago for the Zone meeting. Limited funds for conference attendance led to a discussion regarding fee structure. Legal Counsel noted that fees for professions are set by the legislature.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Bob Hoskins, to recommend that the registration fees for land surveyors be increased a minimum of \$50 per year and that the additional fee be used to enable Section Presidents and member board administrators to attend professional meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Regulatory Digest Draft - Katherine Hildebrand

The Regulatory Digest was discussed at the Joint Board meeting. It was noted that Frank Thousand needs to be added to the Roster on the first page of the Regulatory Digest.

The change of the Section's meeting date, to November 13, should also be noted in the Regulatory Digest.

Summary Reports on Pending Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases and Administrative Rules and Press Releases

Noted - no discussion.

Proposal to Revise Experience Page on Application

There was a discussion on the format of the experience timeline used when reviewing applications. The current format seems to generate a lot of questions and phone calls to the Department from applicants using the form. It was suggested that it would be useful to know what types of questions are asked on a repetitive basis. This item will be put back on a future agenda when more information is available.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Report on SB427/AB804 Hearings - Frank Thousand

Frank Thousand reported that Jim Rusch did an excellent job of representing the Section's concerns at the hearings dealing with SB 427 and AB 804. The Section will pursue this legislative proposal again in the next legislative session.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Amendment of 6.04 (2) (b), Number of Required Semester Credits - Pamela Haack

This rule was adopted by the Joint Board and will be published on June 1. It will become effective June 1, 2003. Mary Forseth will notify the licensing unit of the new requirements so application packets can be revised.

Amendment of A-E 6.07, Temporary Permits, Scope Statement

Legal Counsel, Wayne Austin, reviewed the process an administrative rule goes through this amendment goes through to the public hearing. The Section would like to have a public hearing on this matter at its July meeting or at the AE Joint Board meeting in November.

General Counsel, Bill Dusso, recommends that the A-E Rules Committee should meet more often than twice a year. Mary Forseth will follow-up on this.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Report on NCEES Members Conference - Jim Rusch

Jim reported on the NCEES Members Conference. The Section favors having mandatory continuing education requirements for land surveyors.

NCEES Central Zone Meeting, Chicago, April 25-27, 2002 - Jim Rusch

The NCEES Central Zone meeting in Chicago was reviewed at today's Joint Board meeting. There was a discussion about the Model Law for Surveying Task Force Program.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Use of Programmable Calculators on Licensing Exam - Darwin Tichenor

There was a discussion on the possibility of restricting the use of calculators to those that are provided by the exam administrators.

The Section tabled the discussion of this matter and will monitor how NCEES responds to this issue and use that as a guideline for any actions the Board takes to determine a standard on this issue.

Discussion of proposal to repeal A-E 6.05(9)(a) &(b), Examination Review - Darwin Tichenor

The Section reviewed the proposal to repeal the rules regarding whether or not to allow challenges to the national exam. It was felt it is an unfair advantage to allow a student to review the exam and it jeopardizes the security of the exam materials.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand to support the other Sections of the A-E Joint Board that propose no review or challenges to the national exam. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to address AE 6.05 (9) and amend the rule to eliminate the opportunity to review or challenge the Wisconsin jurisdictional exam. Motion carried. Bob Hoskins opposed.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to eliminate the opportunity to challenge or review the national exam. Motion carried unanimously.

Darwin Tichenor requested assistance with reviewing exam questions. Harold Charlier, Executive Director of Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors agreed to help with this task. Two board members, Jim Rusch and Rick Van Goethem, also agreed to assist with a review of exam questions.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

Licensure of Photogrammetrists - Jim Rusch

Jim Rusch discussed this issue at today's Joint Board.

Licensure of GIS Specialists - Jim Rusch

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to state that the Section is not in favor of licensing GIS Specialists at this point. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Hoskins indicated he would prefer to go out for lunch after the meeting and asked that the Department not order him a lunch.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED AFTER PRINTING OF THE AGENDA

None

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Bob Hoskins moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried by a role call vote: Rick Van Goethem-yes, James Rusch-yes, Robert Hoskins-yes, and Frank Thousand-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session recessed at 12:15 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Rick Van Goethem moved, seconded by Jim Rusch, to reconvene into open session at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Review of Challenge from 10/01 Examination - Darwin Tichenor

The Section members reviewed the files Darwin brought in regarding the challenge to the exam questions.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to uphold the score of candidate 108000101 and deny the challenge to the exam. Motion carried. Bob Hoskins abstained.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to approve the applications for registration as a land surveyor for: Scott F. Dischler, Leonard Carlson, Keif S. Callaway, Shane K. Kelliher, Daniel Frick, and Joel A. Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Frank Thousand, to deny the application of Kenneth J. Allington for registration as a land surveyor because he has not met the full experience requirements. The board recommends that he needs 10 more months of land surveying experience under the direction of a licensed land surveyor. A letter will be sent to Kenneth Allington informing him of the Section's decision and indicating that he will be permitted to appear before the Section to challenge the Section's decision. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Hoskins moved, seconded by Jim Rusch, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2002, 9:30 a.m.